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1. On 10 January military supplies stored within the city limits of Nanning were moved to twelve newly-built warehouses at Chinnich'iao (金牛橋), five li north of Nanning on the west side of the highway to Liuchow. The area within a radius of 1,000 to 2,000 meters is fortified with guard posts, machine-gun positions, and air defense dugouts.
2. The Supply and Service Command of the Kwangsi Military District has requisitioned twenty houses on the south bank of the river for military warehouses. They were formerly used as the Liuchow office of CHMRA. These buildings are now surrounded by two heavy steel wire fences, and unauthorized persons are not permitted to enter. The supplies stored in the warehouses are chiefly transportation material, including 500 drums of gasoline, 1,000 tires, and motor vehicle parts.
3. Seventy military trucks loaded with wooden cases arrived at the Nanning bus terminal from Liuchow on 10 and 11 January. Upon arrival, notice was sent to nine Soviet advisers at the Chin Shan Hotel*; three of them, with interpreters, came to the bus terminal. After talking with the Communist soldiers who accompanied the shipment, they signed some papers. Thereupon, the trucks continued their journey toward Chinghsi.
4. The Kweilin Military Sub-District has repaired the air raid shelters at Ch'ihshinyen (土星巖). The shelters, which are capable of holding several thousand people, are now guarded by a platoon of Communist soldiers and local residents are not permitted to enter them. Electric lights and telephones are being installed.
5. Because of the difficulties in procuring supplies, the railroad between Laipin and Nanning will not be completed by the original deadline of 5 February 1951. By mid-January the roadbed had been completed, about 80 percent of the bridges finished, and workers were laying sleepers and rails. The engineering office for the construction of the line estimates that it will be ready for service about 1 April 1951.

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6. On 21 January a train was derailed at Yincheng (銀城), near Canton, burning three cars and destroying a section of the roadbed. It took nineteen hours to repair the wreck. About a week earlier, a similar wreck took place 60 miles north of this one.

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. A previous report stated that nine Soviet advisers had arrived at Nanning and were staying at Yi Yuan (益園), outside the South Gate. These advisers have since moved to the Chin Shan Hotel on Minsheng Road. This building is the only one in Nanning with a red tile roof.

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